Reduction of fares by IA under APEX

631. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has reduced its fares on some specific routes under the APEX (Advanced Purchase Excursion Fare Scheme) to make the scheme more passenger friendly;

(b) if so, the norms prescribed therefor; and

(c) what are the route-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines had introduced APEX fares, an Advance Purchase scheme on select domestic sectors in Economy Class for travel between 1st August to 31st October, 2002. In view of the positive market response, the scheme has been extended with effect from 1st November, 2002 till 31st March, 2003.

With a view to make the scheme more customer friendly and to increase its sales, Indian Airlines has suitably modified the APEX fares scheme. The details are as under:

* At the time of introduction of the scheme, the passenger was required to purchase a confirmed ticket atleast 21 days prior to the departure. However, under the extended scheme *i.e.* with effect from 1st November, 2002, the condition has been modified and the passenger is now required to purchase a confirmed ticket atleast 15 days prior to departure.
* Passengers are now permitted to make voluntary changes in bookings/sector or cancel the ticket issued against APEX fares upto 15 days prior to the date of departure.
* Passengers holding an APEX fare ticket are permitted to make a change from APEX fare to normal fare upto one hour before departure on the date of travel provided the passenger is rebooked on the first available flight of Indian Airlines for the same sector and the ticket is reissued on the normal fare.

(c) List of sectors on which APEX fares are available is given as under.

List of Sectors on which APEX fares are available

APEX FARES

S.No.	Sector	Total Fare (Rs.)
1.	Mumbai-Kolkata	3770
2.	Mumbai-Ahmedabad	2230
3.	Mumbai-Bangalore	2930
4.	Mumbai-Bhopal	2505
5.	Mumbai-Calicut	3275
6.	Mumbai-Chennai	3085
7.	Mumbai-Cochin	3475
8.	Mumbai-Coimbatore	3620
9.	Mumbai-Delhi	3695
10.	Mumbai-Hyderabad	2640
11.	Mumbai-Indore	2115
12.	Mumbai-Jaipur	3165
13.	Mumbai-Jodhpur	2905
14.	Mumbai-Lucknow	6420
15.	Mumbai-Mangalore	2655
16.	Mumbai-Nagpur	2765
17.	Mumbai-Patna	6785
18.	Mumbai-Pune	1375
19.	Mumbai-Trivandrum	3605
20.	Mumbai-Udaipur	2500
21.	Delhi-Ahmedabad	2670
22.	Delhi-Aurangabad	6040
23.	Delhi-Bangalore	4905
24.	Delhi-Bhopal	2655
25.	Delhi-Calicut	7055
26.	Delhi-Chennai	4020
27.	Delhi-Cochin	7135

Sl.No.	Sector	Total Fare (Rs.)
28.	Delhi-Coimbatore	7070
29.	Delhi-Guwahati	4645
30.	Delhi-Hyderabad	3890
31.	Delhi-Indore	2265
32.	Delhi-Jammu	2640
33.	Delhi-Kolkata	3265
34.	Delhi-Lucknow	2640
35.	Delhi-Patna	4460
36.	Delhi-Pune	3695
37.	Delhi-Trivandrum	7170
38.	Delhi-Udaipur	3390
39.	Delhi-Vadodara	2880
40.	Delhi-Varanasi	2640
41.	Delhi-Bagdogra	4625
42.	Kolkata-Bagdogra	2865
43.	Kolkata-Bangalore	3935
44.	Kolkata-Guwahati*	2000
45.	Kolkata-Hyderabad	3130
46.	Chennai-Calicut	2640
47.	Chennai-Cochin	2600
48.	Chennai-Coimbatore	2180
49.	Chennai-Kolkata	3670
50.	Chennai-Madurai	2265
51.	Chennai-Trivandrum	2890
52.	Hyderabad-Ahmedabad	3440
53.	Bangalore-Ahmedabad	5355

*No revision in fare effected on Kolkata-Guwahati sector.